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Quick Facts

Countries	Bangladesh
Financial Institutions	Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2020-10-16
Borrower	Government of Bangladesh
Sectors	Water and Sanitation
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	$ 200.00 million
Project Cost (USD)	$ 543.40 million

Project Description

According to the bank's documents, the proposed project's objective is "To improve access to a 'safely-managed' water supply and sanitation in selected areas of rural Bangladesh and to strengthen sector institutional capacity for water and sanitation."

The project will be co-financed with the World Bank and is expected to have the following six components:

Component 1: Investments in water supply.
(i) Investments in large piped water schemes to support 60 water scarce communities of 300-700 households; (ii) Investments in small piped water schemes to target 2,500 water scarce communities of 30-40 households; (iii) Household loans for water improvements to enable about 40,000 households to borrow from Micro-Finance Institutions (MFIs) for household water facility improvements; (iv) Provision of MFI loans to local water entrepreneurs; and (v) Feasibility studies in high climate risk regions to identify sources for drinking water and examine technological options and their financial viability in five districts in Southern Bangladesh.

Component 2: Investments in sanitation and hygiene.
(i) Investments in sanitation and hygiene facilities in high pedestrian traffic locations, community health clinics, and schools; (ii) Investments in sanitation and hygiene facilities for households such as two-pit latrines and hand-washing stations; (iii) Provision of MFI loans to local sanitation and hygiene entrepreneurs to expand their businesses and offer them training on proper installation and maintenance; (iv) Promotion of innovative water and sanitation technologies, especially in fecal sludge management; (v) Behavioral change communication (BCC) campaign to carry out activities to change water, sanitation and hygiene behaviors and raise awareness and willingness to pay.

Component 3: Institutional strengthening.
(i) Support for drafting policy documents that would be critical in implementing the newly drafted National Strategy for Water Supply and Sanitation; and (ii) Capacity building for targeted central and local government officials working in the sector.

Component 4: Project implementation and management.
(i) Support for key project management activities enabling the implementing agencies to coordinate and implement the proposed project.

Component 5: COVID-19 emergency response.
(i) Provision of quick, just-in-time water and sanitation services, where needed, to cope with the fast changing COVID-19 situation.

Component 6: Contingent emergency response.
(i) Provisional zero amount component to allow for rapid reallocation of loan proceeds from other project components during an emergency.

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Co-financing:
World Bank US$ 200 million
Government of Bangladesh US$ 143.4 million

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Bank Documents

- Project Summary (May 27, 2020) [Original Source]

Other Related Projects

- WB-P169342 BD Rural Water, Sanitation and Hygiene for Human Capital Development Project